

which should have stood at the beginning of his Piece. For from this Root naturally issue all the rest of his Tenets and smart Sayings, as so many legitimate Branches.

“ The Country is in the general Poor, and may be *said* to have been so, for some Time past; because the Crops do seldom more, if so much, as balance the Disbursements of the Year: *The cause of this is immaterial in the case, as that must Rest solely on the immediate Poverty; and let the Cause of that Poverty be what it will, as it cannot be instantly cured, it will make nothing against the Argument.*”

I cannot enough admire the propriety of Conduct in this Writer; who, having Sentiments to offer to the Public which cannot be cover'd with too thick a Veil, usually takes care to wrap them up Warm in a Cloudy Diction: And thereby makes it necessary for his Opponents to be at some pains in dragging his enveloped Notions into the Light, before they can be properly exposed. When this Operation has been duly performed by the thinking Reader upon the above Passage, he will discover the Notion lurking in it to be no other than this, that when a certain Number of Gentlemen have contracted Debts, which it is inconvenient for them to Pay, as exceeding the Ability of their present Running Cash, though this should have happened by means of the worst Extravagancies, no matter; it would be the highest degree of Cruelty and Unreasonableness of the ordinary Creditor, to expect any thing from such Debtors, much more to be so unpolite as to think of breaking in upon their Estates, or disturbing the Symmetry of their elegant Moveables. From whence, when we advert to the Subject which this judicious Writer is upon,

easily.